

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/519,652

Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 6/13/06.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-19.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____


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DETAILED ACTION

Allowable Subject Matter

1. Claims 1 - 19 are allowed.

Reasons for Allowances

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Regarding claim 1, the applicant's invention of a multiple wire cable connector comprising an outer housing having at least one opening for a multiple wire cable to pass therethrough, at least one inner housing for arranging therein termination sockets for the wires of the multiple wire cable, the inner housing comprising: a front end for contacting a device to be electrically connected to the wires of the multiple wire cable, and a receiving end for receiving the wires of the multiple wire cable, wherein the inner housing comprises a circumferential extending between the front and receiving ends of the inner housing, and at least one cover for covering the receiving end of the inner housings, wherein the cover and the circumferential wall of the inner housing both comprise electrically conductive material, and wherein the outer housing comprises at least one receiving opening in which the at least one of the inner housing is arranged.

The prior art of Simmons (US 5,011,424) discloses, a multiple wire cable connector comprising an outer housing having at least one opening for a multiple wire cable to pass therethrough, at least one inner housing for arranging therein termination sockets for the wires of the multiple wire cable, the inner housing comprising: a front end for contacting a device to be electrically connected to the wires of the multiple wire

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cable, and a receiving end for receiving the wires of the multiple wire cable, and at least one cover and the inner housing comprises a circumferential extending between the front and receiving ends of the inner housing.


However the prior art of record of Simmons (US 5,011,424) does not disclose, and at least one cover for covering the receiving end of the inner housings, wherein the cover and the circumferential wall of the inner housing both comprise electrically conductive material, and wherein the outer housing comprises at least one receiving opening in which the at least one of the inner housing is arranged.

Claims 2 - 19 depend from claim 1.

Conclusion

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Harshad C. Patel whose telephone number is 571 272 8289. The examiner can normally be reached on M - F ; 8.00 AM TO 5.00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, T. C. Patel can be reached on 571 272 2098. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.


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